

Whereas a direct support professional provides essential support to help keep an individual with disabilities connected to the family and community of the individual;

Whereas direct support professionals enable individuals with disabilities to live meaningful, productive lives;

Whereas direct support professionals are the key to allowing an individual with disabilities to live successfully in the community of the individual, and to avoid more costly institutional care;

Whereas the majority of direct support professionals are female, and many are the sole breadwinners of their families;

Whereas direct support professionals work and pay taxes, but many remain impoverished and are eligible for the same Federal and State public assistance programs on which the individuals with disabilities served by the direct support professionals must depend;

Whereas Federal and State policies, as well as the Supreme Court, in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999), assert the right of an individual to live in the home and community of the individual;

Whereas, in 2008, the majority of direct support professionals are employed in home and community-based settings and this trend is projected to increase over the next decade;

Whereas there is a documented critical and growing shortage of direct support professionals in every community throughout the United States; and

Whereas many direct support professionals are forced to leave jobs due to inadequate wages and benefits, creating high turnover and vacancy rates that research demonstrates adversely affects the quality of support to individuals with disabilities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning September 8, 2008, as “National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week”;

(2) recognizes the dedication and vital role of direct support professionals in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities of all ages;

(3) appreciates the contribution of direct support professionals in supporting the needs that reach beyond the capacities of millions of families in the United States;

(4) commends direct support professionals as integral in supporting the long-term support and services system of the United States; and

(5) finds that the successful implementation of the public policies of the United States depends on the dedication of direct support professionals.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we are going to be able to move through this PEPFAR legislation. It would be good for our country if we pass it. I also have spoken to the Speaker. She agrees with me and Senator McConnell that we should move this housing fix quickly. The President and his people have submitted to us some language that we think, from all we can tell, is appropriate. Senator Dodd is agreeing we should move forward. I think there is a sense we should do this within the next couple of days. This is something that is important.

With the housing crisis, the main reason we do this is to make sure people understand that we have faith in our financial markets. Fannie and Freddie, we believe, with the attention

being focused on them over the week-end and today, have stabilized, and that is the way it should be. We are going to try to move forward on this very quickly.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2008

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, July 15; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for up to 1 hour, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the second half; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 2731, the Global AIDS bill, and when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill, the majority leader or his designee be recognized to move to table the DeMint amendment No. 5078. I further ask the Senate stand adjourned from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly policy luncheons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I would say, Mr. President, Senators should expect the first vote of the day to occur as early as 11 a.m. tomorrow morning.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to be brought before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:27 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, July 15, 2008, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 8034 AND 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. WILLIAM M. FRASER III

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. LARRY D. JAMES

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. KELLY K. MCKEAGUE

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED

WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. ROBERT E. DURBIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. RONALD L. BURGESS, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. JOHN F. KIMMONS

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. GEOGE J. FLYNN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COLONEL JUAN G. AYALA
COLONEL RONALD F. BACZKOWSKI
COLONEL WILLIAM B. CROWE
COLONEL MICHAEL G. DANA
COLONEL WILLIAM M. FAULKNER
COLONEL WALTER L. MILLER, JR.
COLONEL JOSEPH L. OSTERMAN
COLONEL CHRISTOPHER S. OWENS
COLONEL GREGG A. STURDEVANT
COLONEL GLENN M. WALTERS

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

STEPHEN L. AKI
RODRIGUE ALEANDRE
JOEL O. ALEXANDER
EDWARD W. ALLEN II
PAUL M. ALLMON
TODD K. ALSTON
LISA L. ANDERSON
SEAN D. ANDERSON
WILLIAM J. ANDERSON
CARMEN R. ANTHONY
MICHAEL J. ARNOLD
OSWALDO C. ARROYO
SPENCER O. ASHFORD
HOUSTON E. BAKER
RONALD L. BAKER
SHERWOOD P. BAKER II
ROY D. BANZON
CHARLES H. BARBER
DALLIS L. BARNES
KIMMIE M. BARTENSLAGER
MICHAEL A. BAUMEISTER
KIRBY D. BEARD
DAVID M. BEDARD
LAMONICA BELL
CHRISTOPHER A. BENN
THOMAS F. BENTZEL
CRAIG S. BESAW
DERELL M. BIBBS
JOHN C. BIVONA, JR.
CHARLES E. BLEDSOE
ELIZABETH E. BLEDSOE
MICHAEL D. BLOMQUIST
JAMES W. BOGART
LAURA B. BOZEMAN
STEVEN R. BRADDOM
JAMES T. BRADY II
WILLIAM T. BRENNAN
CHRISTOPHER M. BRIDGES
JOHN C. BROOKIE
CHRISTOPHER L. BROWN
EVAN J. BROWN
JAMES L. BROWN
KEYVYN M. BRYANT
SHATRECE B. BUCHANAN
CLYDE M. BUCKLEY
GREGORY N. BURN
BRENDEN D. BURKE
ADAM W. BUTLER
DAVID B. BYERS
JILL F. CAHILL
LINNIE W. CAIN, JR.
EARL D. CALSB
JOHN C. CALHOUN
MIKE A. CALVIN
WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL III
JASON A. CARRICO
JEFFERY A. CARTER
WILLIAM D. CARUSO
YONG S. CASSE
ERNEST R. CHAMBERS
JOSEPH H. CHAN
JEAN R. CHAUSSE